

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-02537-TJK**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Assigned to: Judge Timothy J. Kelly
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 11/02/2018
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
11/02/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5771933) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Department of Justice)(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 11/02/2018)
11/02/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 11/02/2018)
11/02/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Timothy J. Kelly. (zmd) (Entered: 11/06/2018)

11/06/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent) (zmd) (Entered: 11/06/2018)
11/15/2018	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 11/15/2018. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 12/15/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 11/15/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 11/14/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 11/15/2018)
11/20/2018	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Scott Leeson Sroka on behalf of All Defendants (Sroka, Scott) (Entered: 11/20/2018)
12/17/2018	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Leslie Cooper Vigen on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Vigen, Leslie) (Entered: 12/17/2018)
12/17/2018	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Vigen, Leslie) (Entered: 12/17/2018)
12/18/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by January 11, 2019. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 12/18/2019. (lctjk2) (Entered: 12/18/2018)
12/19/2018	<u>8</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. Attorney Scott Leeson Sroka terminated. (Sroka, Scott) (Entered: 12/19/2018)
01/09/2019	<u>9</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Vigen, Leslie) (Entered: 01/09/2019)
01/09/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting Defendant's <u>9</u> Unopposed Motion to Stay. It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant's motion is GRANTED. The deadline set forth in the Court's Minute Order of December 18, 2018, to file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by January 11, 2019, is hereby STAYED. It is further ORDERED that, within three days after funding is restored for the Department of Justice, the parties shall file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 1/9/2019. (lctjk2) (Entered: 01/09/2019)
01/28/2019	<u>10</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Submit Joint Proposed Schedule</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Vigen, Leslie) (Entered: 01/28/2019)
01/29/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting Defendant's <u>10</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time. It is hereby ORDERED, for good cause shown, that Defendant's motion is GRANTED. The parties shall file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by February 4, 2019. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 1/29/2019. (lctjk2) (Entered: 01/29/2019)
02/04/2019	<u>11</u>	PROPOSED BRIEFING SCHEDULE (<i>JOINT</i>) by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Vigen, Leslie) (Entered: 02/04/2019)
02/05/2019		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the following schedule shall govern the filing of dispositive motions in this case: Defendant shall file its motion for summary judgment by April 5, 2019; Plaintiff shall file its consolidated opposition to Defendant's motion and any cross-motion for summary judgment by May 6, 2019; Defendant shall file its consolidated reply in support of its motion and opposition to any cross-motion by June 4, 2019; and Plaintiff shall file its reply in support of any cross-motion by June 18, 2019. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 2/5/2019. (lctjk2) (Entered: 02/05/2019)
04/05/2019	<u>12</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Hardy Declaration, # <u>3</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Vigen, Leslie) (Entered: 04/05/2019)

05/02/2019	<u>13</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply <i>Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 05/02/2019)
05/03/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting Plaintiff's <u>13</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time. It is hereby ORDERED, for good cause shown, that Plaintiff's motion is GRANTED. The following schedule shall govern further proceedings: Plaintiff shall file its opposition to Defendant's <u>12</u> Motion for Summary Judgment and any cross-motion for summary judgment no later than May 20, 2019; Defendant shall file its opposition to any cross-motion and reply in support of its motion no later than June 18, 2019; and Plaintiff shall file its reply in support of any cross-motion no later than July 2, 2019. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 5/3/2019. (lctjk2) (Entered: 05/03/2019)
05/20/2019	<u>14</u>	Second MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply <i>Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 05/20/2019)
05/20/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting Plaintiff's <u>14</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time. It is hereby ORDERED, for good cause shown, that Plaintiff's motion is GRANTED. The following schedule shall govern further proceedings: Plaintiff shall file its opposition to Defendant's <u>12</u> Motion for Summary Judgment and any cross-motion for summary judgment no later than May 23, 2019; Defendant shall file its opposition to any cross-motion and reply in support of its motion no later than June 21, 2019; and Plaintiff shall file its reply in support of any cross-motion no later than July 2, 2019. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 5/20/2019. (lctjk2) (Entered: 05/20/2019)